Appointment of a Brahmin cook in the Mental Hospital.

58. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state (a) whether there was any recommendation by the Honorary Visitors that a Brahmin cook must be appointed in the Mental Hospital, Trichur; (b) how many times have such recommendations been made and what action was taken;

(c) are there not Brahmin lunatics in the said Lunatic Asylum; has the Diwan ever been to the Lunatic Asylum?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Yes.

(b) Twice.

Vide answer to question No. 545 of the Legislative Session of 1104.

(c) Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The date of the proceedings referred to in answer to question No.545 of the Legislative Session of 1104? The date of the Proceedings referred to in the answer?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Which division of the answer, please?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(b).

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I want to know which is the Proceedings referred to.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—My question is 'how many times have such recommendations been made and what action was taken'. The answer is 'vide answer to question No. 545'.

President.—'Twice' it is said.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What action was taken? For that I am referred to question No. 545.

President.—What is the answer to question No. 545? Was no action taken?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The answer is given 'no action was taken as the Government were satisfied that there was not sufficient number of Brahmin inmates to justify the appointment of a separate Brahmin cook.' That is the answer.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The date of the Proceedings referred to in that?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Where is the Proceedings referred to here?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The date of the action taken?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No action was taken.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Because they did not consider it necessary. Was there not an order that it is not necessary?

President.—Was there a Proceedings to order that no action was necessary?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What action was taken on the recommendation ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Sir, the answer is there.

President.—They made a recommendation. They did not think it necessary to take any action.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—It was not considered necessary to take any action at all. Is there an order, any record to show that you have considered about the recommendation?

President.—Is there any record to show that no action was necessary? Has it been recorded ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Not in so many terms. No action need be taken. It has not been recorded.

President.—After consideration we see whether the recommendation is accepted or not accepted. Is there any record on that ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr.V. Verghese.—No record.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How do the visitors know about the consideration ? Was there any communication to the honorary visitors about the action taken on their recommendation ?

President.—Was the fact that no action was necessary, communicated ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When was the second recommendation made?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I can't remember the dates.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The names of the honorary visitors who made the recommendation ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Can't remember. They are not really supplementary questions, Sir. I do not carry it in my memory.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—That the recommendation is made is admitted. I want to know the names of those who recommended. He says it is not a supplementary question.

Mr. A.B. Salem.—It is not for the Member to decide. It is for the Chair to decide.

President.—He made an appeal to the President for a ruling

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Mr. A.B. Salem.—He is pronouncing a judgment. (*Laughter.*)

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it the individual opinion of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer or that of the Government?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Of the Government at the time.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—And this was not communicated to the Government members. Was this recommendation communicated to the Government?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes. All such remarks of the visitors are always sent to the Government.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—And Government sent him no remarks, no reply on this recommendation?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes. I made inquiries in the Mental Hospital at Calicut where there are 10 or 12 Brahmins and found they have not employed a Brahmin cook there. So I considered it not necessary to employ a Brahmin cook at the time. That is also my recommendation. But all that is not a supplementary question.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Whether all these recommendations were communicated to the Government by the Chief Medical Officer, that is my question.

President.—When the facts are fully within your knowledge, these technical objections, that it is not a supplementary question, etc., need not be raised. If I understand the Chief Medical Officer correctly, what happened was this. The remarks passed in the visitors' book kept in the Mental Hospital were forwarded to the Diwan with his recommendation, and in the recommendation it was noted that no action was necessary. The Diwan on perusing that paper recorded it.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Whether any recommendation was made by the Chief Medical Officer?

President.—He sent a communication to the Diwan which contained his own recommendation.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is there any record to show that it was communicated to the Diwan?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—That is not Proceedings. My recommendation is not Proceedings. There is no record.

President.—He pointed out that there was no necessity to employ the services of a Brahmin cook. Government simply recorded the paper.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was this communication to the Government before the second recommendation or after the second recommendation? They recommended twice.

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Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Is it a supplementary question? What I can say is I want notice.

Midwives from among the Depressed Classes.

59. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of midwives, if any, trained from among the Depressed Classes so far;

(b) the number among them employed by the Government;

(c) whether the Government are taking any steps to get them (women from the Depressed Classes) trained in nursing the sick and in midwifery; and if no steps have yet been taken, whether they propose to take steps in this direction hereafter;

(2) will the Government kindly place on the Table statistics showing the number of deaths among the Depressed Classes during the last 3 years for want of proper nursing during sickness and due to the absence of trained midwives to give timely aid in maternity cases?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(1) (a) Eighty-eight.

(b) Four.

(c) Government will be glad to encourage them if candidates with the requisite qualification are forthcoming.

(2) Information not available.

Conditions essential for the good Government of Indian States.

60. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) has the attention of the Government been drawn to the advice given by His Excellency the Viceroy, Lord Irwin, to the Chamber of Princes that for the good Government of the Indian States security of tenure of public services and Independent Judiciary are essential conditions (para 50 of the Butler Committee Report);

(2) if so, what steps have the Government taken to see that these conditions are fulfilled;

(3) were not executive and judicial officers exchanged in the Government service during the last 2 years?

(4) if so, the names of such officers?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Yes.

(2) These conditions already exist in the State.

(3) Yes.

(4) Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.
„ V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.
„ U. Kandar Menon.

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